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1. HIGHLIGHTS. TUESDAY PAPERS FEATURE WATERGATE, ALSO
FRONTPAGE HOUSE VOTES TOTAL CUT- OFF OF BOMBING FUNDS; WASH-
POST FRONTPAGES NIXON BREZHNEV AGREE ON MBFR DATE; OTHERS
SIMPLY HEADLINE SUMMIT COMMUNIQUE. INSIDE SOME HAVE FRENCH

TEST; SO DOES NEWSWEEK. BOTH NEWSWEEKLIES ASSESS SUMMIT.
SOME EDITORIALS.

2. SUMMIT. WASHPOST FRONTPAGES MARDER SAN CLEMENTE
STRESSING NIXON BREZHNEV ANNOUNCED AGREEMENT TO START
MUTUAL REDUCTION OF FORCES TALKS OCTOBER 30, WHICH WAS
ANNOUNCED IN SUNDAY'S LENGTHY COMMUNIQUE WHICH INCLUDED
EXPECTATION OF DOUBLING US- SOVIET TRADE OVER NEXT THREE
YEARS. LATER IN STORY MARDER SAYS US HAS BEEN PRESSING
SOVIETS FOR AN MBFR DATE, AND AGREEMENT ON OCTOBER 30
MARKED A BREAK IN THAT STALEMATE, MARDER ADDING KISSINGER
WAS PRESSED TO JUSTIFY THE DROPPING OF THE WORD BALANCED
AND ACCEPTANCE OF SOVIET LANGUAGE OF MUTUAL FORCE REDUCTIONS

AND WITH SOME IRRITATION HE TOLD A WEST GERMAN CORRESPOND-
ENT: THE FUTURE OF FORCE REDUCTIONS IN EUROPE WILL NOT BE
DETERMINED BY ADJECTIVES; IT WILL BE DETERMINED BY CONCRETE
PROGRAMS; IT WILL NOT BE DETERMINED BY CONSTANT INSINUATIONS
OF SOME DARK AMERICAN DESIGN. MARDER SAYS KISSINGER
ADDED THAT THE FORCES ISSUE MIGHT BE BALANCED WITHOUT A
UNILATERAL ADVANTAGE TO EITHER SIDE, ADDING THAT THE US
TROOP- CUT PROPOSAL HAS BEEN PRIVATELY SUBMITTED TO
AMERICA'S ALLIES AND WE THINK IT HAS RECEIVED SUBSTANTIAL
SUPPORT FROM OUR ALLIES AND WE ARE CONVINCED WE WILL ENTER
THESE NEGOTIATIONS WITH A REASONABLE AND UNITED
POSITION. MARDER ADDS THAT IN DISCUSSING ARMS LEVELS
KISSINGER SAID THIS PERIOD REQUIRES GREAT SOPHISTICATION
ON PART OF AMERICAN PEOPLE, SAYING: WE HAVE REACHED THIS
POINT BECAUSE WE HAVE PROCEEDED FROM THE BASIS OF ADEQUATE
STRENGTH AND BECAUSE WE HAVE CONSISTENTLY TAKEN THE
POSITION THAT WE WOULD REDUCE OUR STRENGTH ONLY BY AGREE-
MENT WITH THE OTHER SIDE IN SOME AGREED RELATION TO THE
REDUCTIONS BY THE OTHER SIDE. RE BREZHNEV'S MENTION OF A
RETURN SUMMIT IN SIX TO EIGHT MONTHS KISSINGER SAID A
LONGER INTERVAL IS CURRENTLY CONTEMPLATED ON THE US SIDE.

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2 A. NYTIMES GWERTZMAN NOTES 17- PAGE COMMUNIQUE INCLUDED
SOME NEW DISCLOSURES SUCH AS FACT THAT FORCE REDUCTION
TALKS ARE TO START OCTOBER 30, AND EMPHASIZED IMPORTANCE
OF AGREEMENT TO PREVENT NUCLEAR WAR, ALSO FOUND PROSPECTS
FAVORABLE FOR SALT TWO AGREEMENT WITHIN 12 TO 14 MONTHS
WHEN NIXON PLANS TO VISIT SOVIET UNION AGAIN; AND COMMUNI-
QUE, IN DEFERENCE TO A LONG- STANDING SOVIET PROPOSAL, SAID
THAT A WORLD DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE MIGHT BE HELD AT AN
APPROPRIATE TIME BUT KISSINGER SUGGESTED THAT THIS WAS NOT
A HIGH- PRIORITY ITEM. ACCORDING GWERTZMAN, WHEN
KISSINGER WAS ASKED ABOUT HOW A FUTURE LIMITATION ON
OFFENSIVE NUKES MIGHT AFFECT MIRV'S HE SAID THESE
WEAPONS WERE AN IMPORTANT CONSIDERATION AND PROBLEM
WAS HOW TO VERIFY A BAN ON PRODUCTION BY INDEPENDENT

NATIONAL MEANS BUT IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO CHECK ON THE PLACEMENT OF MIRV' S ON EXISTING MISSILE LAUNCHERS AND ON IMPROVEMENTS IN THE TECHNOLOGY, GWERTZMAN CONCLUDING US MIGHT BE SEEKING TO GET LIMITS ON NUMBER OF MIRV' S DEPLOYED AND ON KEEPING THEIR TECHNOLOGY AT AGREED LEVELS.

3. NEWSWEEKLIES. TIME' S SUMMIT REPORT EMPHASIZED ADOPTION OF NUCLEAR CODE OF ETHICS WHICH AMOUNTED TO A PACT BETWEEN SUPERPOWERS TO COOPERATE-- IF NOT IN MANAGING THE WORLD, IN MANAGING WORLD PEACE, AND CALLED SALT TWO OF

EQUAL IMPORTANCE, NOTING THIS SCHEDULE IS THREE YEARS AHEAD OF END OF TEMPORARY FREEZE OF OFFENSIVES UNDER SALT ONE.

3 A. NEWSWEEK DECLARED NIXON COULD TAKE JUSTIFIABLE PRIDE IN SUMMIT RESULTS, MENTIONING ESPECIALLY EFFORTS TO END THE ARMS RACE AND HISTORIC DOCUMENT THAT RENOUNCED THE USE OF FORCE AND ESTABLISHED A CODE OF NUCLEAR CONDUCT FOR THE WORLD, AND REMARKABLY CORDIAL SUMMIT COMMUNIQUE, ADDING THAT AMERICA' S EUROPEAN ALLIES HAVE BEGUN TO WORRY THAT SUPERPOWERS HAVE SET THEMSELVES UP AS AN INTERNATIONAL JUDGE AND JURY. NEWSWEEK ADDS SETTING OF EARLY DEADLINE FOR SALT TWO MEANS SOVIETS WILL NO LONGER HAVE TIME TO ACHIEVE THEIR FULL NUMERICAL ADVANTAGE, AND US EXPERTS BELIEVE SOVIETS ACCEPTED THIS BECAUSE US DROPPED ITS OLD DEMAND FOR ON- SITE INSPECTION AND BECAUSE MOSCOW WILL HAVE A WORKABLE MIRV BY END OF NEXT YEAR ANYHOW. ACCORDING UNCLASSIFIED

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NEWSWEEK, SOVIET UNION FOR FIRST TIME AGREED TO SPECIFIC DATE-- OCTOBER 30-- FOR MBFR TALKS TO BEGIN.

3 B. TIME' S ARTICLE ON COUNTDOWN AT MURUROA ATOLL, WITH MAP AND AUSTRALIAN PROTESTERS, REPORTED UNITED IN A QUIXOTIV CAUSE ARE A FORMER FRENCH ARMY GENERAL, NEW ZEALAND SERVICE STATION OWNER, AUSTRALIAN MANUFACTURER, YOUNG AMERICAN COUPLE, AND A SIX- MONTH PERGNANT NEW ZEALAND WOMAN, ALL HEADED FOR MURUROA TO FORCE FRENCH GOVERNMENT TO ABANDON ITS TEST PLANS, TIME COMMENTING THAT CURRENT LEVEL OF PROTEST IS HIGHEST YET. TIME SAYS DANGER FROM FALLOUT IS IN FACT DEBATABLE; A MORE COMPELLING ARGUMENT MIGHT BE THAT TESTS SERVE NO WORTHWHILE PURPOSE; BUT FRENCH MAINTAIN IF FRANCE COULD KNOCK OUT JUST A COUPLE MAJOR CITIES THAT WOULD BE ENOUGH TO DETER A BIGGER POWER FROM TRYING TO KNOCK OUT ALL OF FRANCE.

4. TEST. WASHPOST HAS WELLINGTON ITEM IN WORLD ROUNDUP HEADED, NEW ZEALAND OFFICIAL SET TO DEFY ATOMIC TEST, STORY SAYING THAT NEW ZEALAND CABINET, DRAWING NAMES FROM A HAT, YESTERDAY CHOSE IMMIGRATION MINISTER FRASER COLMAN TO SAIL ON THE NAVY FRIGATE OTAGO IN A PROTEST VOYAGE AGAINST FRENCH NUCLEAR TESTING IN PACIFIC, ALL 20 CABINET

MEMBERS HAVING PLACED THEIR NAMES IN THE HAT. PM KIRK SAID OTAGO WILL SAIL INTO TEST ZONE THURSDAY UNLESS FRENCH EARLIER DECIDE NOT TO TEST, STORY ADDING AUSTRALIAN SUPPLY SHIP HAS LEFT SYDNEY TO RENDEZVOUS WITH OTAGO.

4 A. NYTIMES INSIDE HAS AUCKLAND SPECIAL REPORTING COLMAN'S SELECTION TO ENTER TEST ZONE ABOARD NAVY FRIGATE, WHILE OPPOSITION LEADER MARSHALL CALLED THE TRIP AT BEST A

FUTILE AND EMPTY GESTURE, AND POSSIBLY DANGEROUS, AND DECLINED A GOVERNMENT OFFER TO ALLOW AN OPPOSITION REPRESENTATIVE ON THE VESSEL. SPECIAL CITES PM KIRK SAYING FRIGATE WILL NOT ENTER FRENCH TERRITORIAL WATERS AND HER ORDERS WILL BE COUNTERMANDED IF FRENCH ACCEPT ICJ REQUEST OF DELAY.

5. ARMS. NYTIMES HAD HONG KONG STORY REPORTING THAT UNCLASSIFIED

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CHINESE COMMUNIST PAPER, WEN HUI PAO, BELITTLED NIXON-BREZHNEV AGREEMENT TO HASTEN PROGRESS TOWARD LIMITING NUCLEAR ARMS, SAYING THE LIMITATION HAD LITTLE SIGNIFICANCE BECAUSE THE TWO POWERS ALREADY HAD QUITE ENOUGH NUCLEAR ARMS AND SOUGHT TO PRESERVE THEIR NUCLEAR MONOPOLY.

6. HELSINKI. NYTIMES HAS MOSCOW UPI, HEADED APPEAL AT HELSINKI PARLEY ASKED FOR SOVIET HISTORIAN, UPI SAYING WIFE OF AMALRIK HAS APPEALED TO EAST AND WEST EUROPEAN LEADERS TO CONSIDER HER HUSBAND'S CASE AT CSCE OPENING JULY 3, SAYING: IF THE CONFERENCE DOES NOT APPEAL IN ITS DISCUSSIONS TO CONCRETE CASES, MRS. AMALRIK WROTE IN AN OPEN LETTER, THEN IT WILL REMAIN A CAPTIVE OF ABSTRACT DECLARATIONS OF WHICH THERE ALREADY HAVE BEEN ENOUGH. UPI SAYS AMALRIK WAS TO HAVE BEEN RELEASED MAY 21 AFTER COMPLETING A 3- YEAR TERM FOR DEFAMING SOVIET UNION BUT TWO DAYS EARLIER HE WAS AGAIN PUT UNDER INVESTIGATION AND FACES A POSSIBLE SECOND TRIAL ON SIMILAR CHARGES.

7. COMMENT. MONDAY WASHSTAR WELCOMES SUMMIT BOOST FOR SALT, SAYING A PERMANENT AGREEMENT WOULD GO FAR TOWARD ENDING THE INTOLERABLE BURDEN OF THE ARMS RACE AND STABILIZE THE POWER BALANCE ON WHICH PEACE ULTIMATELY DEPENDS. PHILA INQUIRER JUNE 22 CRITICIZES SUPPORT OF ARMS BUDGET BY SCHLESINGER AND CLEMENTS AND CALLS IT EPITOME OF REALISM FOR WASHINGTON MOSCOW TO SEIZE THE OPPORTUNITY TO CURB THE ARMS RACE AND CURB THE MENTAL SET OF COLD WAR.

7 A. TODAY'S BALTSUN SUGGESTS KEEPING SUMMIT IN PERSPECTIVE BY RECALLING IT WAS ORCHESTRATED FOR THE DOMESTIC STRENGTHENING OF THE TWO PRINCIPALS AND FUTURE WILL SHOW WHETHER BREZHNEV AND NIXON ARE EQUAL WINNERS. CINCINNATI ENQUIRER

JUNE 19 DISCUSSED BROOKINGS SUGGESTIONS OF LIMITING NUMBER
OF MISSILES THAT CAN BE MIRVED AND LIMITING NUMBER OF

MISSILE FLIGHT TESTS, BUT ENQUIRER URGES OUR LEADERS TO
REMEMBER THEIR PARAMOUNT DUTY IS TO INSURE THE NATIONAL
DEFENSE OF US. ROGERS
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